

**Removal of manual scavenging**

**2464. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL:** Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the concern of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for removing manual scavenging from India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Prime Minister had called meeting of concerned Ministers to know progress and find out solution on the inhuman practice; and

(c) if so, the details of the actions to be taken by his Ministry and others too?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA):** (a) and (b) On 5th July, 2006 the Prime Minister took a meeting of the concerned Ministers on Abolition of Scavenging in the country.

(c) The State Government have been impressed upon to implement the ongoing schemes effectively.

**Decline in profit earned by HUDCO**

**2465. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:** Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that profit earned by HUDCO during 2005-06 has been reduced by 30 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the current year the earning of HUDCO is also low in the first half of financial year, if so, what is net profit/loss during this period; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to improve its functioning affecting loss in its earning and to earn profit?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA):** (a) Yes, Sir. During 2005-06 the profit of HUDCO has been reduced. The profit after tax for 2004-05 and 2005-06 is as under:

Profit after tax (2004-05)	Rs. 396.77 crores
(After adjustment of tax for earlier years)	